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1. IT IS CLEAR FROM DISCUSSIONS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF TDB THAT, IN DRAFTING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AD HOC COMMODITIES COMMITTEE, WE WILL ENCOUNTER SERIOUS DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SATISFACTORY REFERENCE TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXISTING COMMODITY BODIES AND THE UNCTAD INTEGRATED PROGRAM COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS. IN FACT, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE TO ANY REFERENCE AT ALL. GROUP B RELUCTANCE TO PRESS ISSUE LARGELY STEMS FROM UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS AT FIRST UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATION, ON COPPER, TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT TO LANGUAGE ON A CLOSELY RELATED ISSUE (I.E., REQUIREMENT THAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPERT GROUP MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ESTABLISHING PERMANENT PRODUCER/ CONSUMER BODY FOR COPPER).

2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL AS BACKGROUND AND POSSIBLY AID US IN DOCUMENTING NEED FOR SOME CONTROL OVER UNCTAD SEC GEN IF WE HAD REPORTS FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS ON THE NATURE OF THE CONSULTATIONS UNCTAD HAS HELD TO DATE, AS REQUIRED BY UNCTAD RESOLUTION 93 (IV). THIS INFORMATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

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(1) WHETHER CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD, AND IF SO

WHETHER THEY WERE INITIATED BY UNCTAD SECY GENERAL OR BY THE COMMODITY BODY; (2) CURRENT PLANS REGARDING ROLE OF COMMODITY ORGANIZATION IN PREPARING (DOCUMENTS, ETC.) FOR UNCTAD CONSULTATIONS; (3) ROLE FOR THE ORGANIZATION ITSELF IN COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS (PROSPECTIVE CO-HOSTING, ETC.); (4) ANY COMMENTS ON WHETHER THE COMMODITY ORGANIZATION CONSIDERS THE CONSULTATIONS TO HAVE BEEN ADEQUATE OR RESPONSIVE TO RES 93 (IV); AND (5) WHETHER COMMODITY ORGANIZATION FEELS UNCTAD ACTIVITIES ARE INTERFERING WITH OR PREJUDICING ONGOING WORK IN THE FORUM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY "ON THE RECORD" COMMENTS THAT COULD BE USED IN DISCUSSION WITH UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, BUT ARE EQUALLY INTERESTED IN PRIVATE NON-ATTRIBUTABLE VIEWS.

3. INTERNNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE CONSULTED WOULD INCULDE FAO GROUPS FOR BANANAS, HARD FIBERS, JUTE, MEAT, TEA, TIMBER, OIL AND OILSEEDS, FERTILIZER (PHOSPHATES), IRSG (RUBBER) AND ICAC (COTTON). WE UNDERSTAND FAO AND UNCTAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY FORMER COMMITTED TO PREPARE ON COMMODITY POLICY DOCUMENT FOR EACH AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY LISTED, EXCEPT MEAT BUT INCLUDING PHOSPHATES. MEAT EXCLUDED BECAUSE FAO CONSIDERED INCOMPETENT IN THIS AREA BY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT.

4. IF WASHINGTON CONCURS WITH THIS VIEW, REQUEST DEPT INSTRUCT INFO POSTS TO PROVIDE THIS INFO, IF POSSIBLE, BY END OF WEEK. PRESUME DEPT WILL SUPPLY INFO FROM ICAC. CATTO

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